THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Employment generation through rural industrialisation

†2383. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to boost up rural industrialisation with the help of private and public sectors for uplifting the rural standard of living and generating more opportunities of employment by establishing better coordination between towns and villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), individual entrepreneurs, registered institutions, Self Help Groups (SHGs), NGOs, Societies and Trusts are encouraged to avail financial assistance from Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks for setting up of rural industries in the country.

Labour migration

2384. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that due to inadequate agro-based industries a large scale of labour migration is occurring in Chhattisgarh to other States leading to their exploitation in those States;

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(b) whether Government propose to establish some agro-based industries to arrest large scale of labour migration; and

(c) if so, the number and details of the industries that are proposed or have been established so far in the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Labour Migration takes place not only due to inadequate Agro based industries but also due to various other factors like better wages, poor monsoons leading to drought, etc.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) being implemented in the state helps to arrest labour migration to a certain extent.

(c) 1131 number of industries were set up in Chhattisgarh upto 2003-04 generating 31989 number of jobs. It is targeted to establish 751 projects during 2004-05 under Rural Employment Generation Programme in the State.

KVIC units in Uttaranchal

†2385. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the units set up in Uttaranchal by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether some of the units already set up by the KVIC in this State have been closed;

(c) if so, the total number of the units closed;

(d) whether Government have fixed any target to open new units in the State during the current plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The details of units set up under Rural

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